

U. S. Quizzes Two Tourists Freed by Reds

By the Associated Press

Two United States travelers who ran into trouble in Russia reported to the State Department late yesterday.

A spokesman said the department is weighing their case to see whether the United States should protest to Moscow.

The two are Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, Cass County, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 26, Bath, Me.

Mr. Kaminsky was sentenced by the Soviets to a seven-year term on a charge of spying. Then Mr. Kaminsky and Mr. Bennett, held by the Russians as a witness at Mr. Kaminsky's trial, were expelled.

The State Department spokesman said both denied they worked for any United States intelligence agency. Before their arrival here, the department had stated "we are absolutely satisfied that Messrs. Bennett and Kaminsky were bona fide tourists."

The travelers came here at the department's request and reported to a group of departmental officials headed by Richard H. Davis, deputy assistant secretary for European affairs.

The spokesman said afterward the department has no further desire to question them and that they now presumably will go home.

Mr. Kaminsky had said previously he had been obtaining information and taking photographs for a book and the data he was gathering were normal for book purposes, not spying. The two drove into the Soviet Union by automobile from

Finland on July 26. After traveling to various places in Russia, Mr. Kaminsky said they were seized when trying to leave the Soviet Union August 27.

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